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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

ERIC A. UDREN)

) Docket No. 98-PDC-165

Entitled:)

) Group Art Unit 2836

DISTRIBUTED BUS DIFFERENTIAL
RELAY SYSTEM)

) Examiner Zeev Kitov

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 19, 2004
in the above application.

No new amendments have been made to the Claims. The Claims remain as
presented in the Amendment and Response mailed on July 22, 2004.

All of the claims stand rejected. The rejections are respectfully traversed as
follows:

Claims 1-3 and 8

Claims 1-3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by
Elmore (US 4,538,195).